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TAGS: FAO, OCON

SUBJECT: DATES FOR FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON BANANAS MEETING

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1. FAO IS HAVING A HARD TIME SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING OFATS  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON BANANAS. ACCORDING TO MULHERIN,  
THE SECRETARY OF UNION OF BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES (UPEB),  
WISHES TO AGAIN DELAY PROPOSED MARCH 21-26 DATES SO THE BANANA PRO-  
DUCERS CAN HOLD HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS WITH NEW US ADMINISTRATION  
AND EEC, SEE REFTEL.

2. A SHORT DELAY WOULD PUT IG ON BANANAS IN CONFLICT WITH  
SUGAR CONFERENCE NOW SCHEDULED FROM APRIL 18 TO MAY 27. A  
MEETING AFTER SUGAR CONFERENCE WOULD BE VERY CLOSE TO UNCTAD  
SCHEDULED PREPARATORY MEETING ON BANANAS JUNE 13-17. JUTE  
EXPERIENCE SHOWS FAO MEETING IN ROME IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY  
UNCTAD MEETING ON SAME COMMODITY SAVES TRAVEL MONEY BUT IS  
NOT VERY PRODUCTIVE SINCE THERE IS NO TIME FOR POLICY  
GUIDANCE, ADEQUATE REFLECTION ON ISSUES OR FOLLOW-UP PREPARATION  
OF DOCUMENTS. PER USUAL UNCTAD WILL NOT CHANGE THEIR DATES.

3. MULHERIN PREFERS TO KEEP MARCH DATE AND IS SEEKING

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IMPORTANT CONSUMER COUNTRY SUPPORT TO MEET UPEB INSISTANCE

ON POSTPONEMENT. SUGGEST GIVING MULHERIN LOW-KEY SUPPORT  
FOR MAINTAINING MARCH DATES. ACTION REQUESTED: USG'S  
PREFERRED DATES FOR HOLDING FAO IG ON BANANAS MEETING IN  
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